

Bedford Presbyterian Church

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Bedford Presbyterian Church Recovery Team Covenant

The statements contained within this covenant are a "Code of Ethics" designed to promote an atmosphere of Christian family and community for our recovery team and for those receiving our assistance during this week of service.

Understanding that each of us as a member of this recovery team family are important and deserving of love, respect, trust, and support as we spend time together, we agree to the following covenant:

- 1. We will conduct ourselves in a polite, cheerful, responsible and trustworthy manner at all times.
- 2. As guests working in private homes we will be considerate to the space and opinions of those who live and work in the places where we are just visitors.
- 3. We will abide by all state and federal laws. We understand that these laws prohibit the possession or use of illegal drugs by anyone and prohibits the possession or consumption of alcohol by persons under 21.
- 4. As members of the BPC Recovery Team family, we will:
 - be mindful to plan all leisure activities so that each team member can participate;
 - be mindful of our use of cell phones and other isolating technologies (iPods, etc.) that could keep us from fully participating in the recovery trip;
 - abide by any tobacco-free policies that apply in places we visit;
 - wear clothing that is comfortable, appropriate, and functional, being mindful of the fact that we will be working hard during the day, staying in shared space in the evenings, and are part of a mixed-gender group;
 - not consume alcohol for at least 8 hours prior to commencement of job site tasks, understanding that best practice is to voluntarily abstain from alcohol for the duration of the recovery trip;
 - consider our ability and available supervision prior to handling power equipment or tools and volunteering for job site tasks (this includes wearing proper protective gear when needed);
 - not bring items from home that would be distracting to others;
 - be responsible for our own belongings and respect the property of others;
 - keep all our audio devices in our rooms with the volume low;
 - not go anywhere alone without the knowledge of other members of the team (this especially includes youth who are under the care of adult chaperones);
 - participate fully in the events of the week;
 - be responsible in our expressions of care, concern, and intimacy;
 - especially care for and respect property where we are staying;
 - respect every individual's racial ethnic background.